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SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC)

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1. SUMMARY. GOU WILL SUPPORT U.S. POSITION ON CRITICAL ISSUES RAISED IN REFTEL A. IN FACT, CHIEF OF URUGUAYAN DELEGATION CARRYING COPY OF MEMO EMBASSY HAD PROVIDED AND WILL USE IT AS PART OF HER GUIDANCE. LABATT MET WITH EMPLOYER AND WORKER DELEGATES WHO EXPRESSED GENERAL ACCORD WITH OUR POSITION, BUT WERE OTHERWISE NON-COMMITTAL. HOWEVER, THOSE APPROACHES PRECEDED FINAL GOU DECISION AND WE BELIEVE THEY WILL GO ALONG WITH GOVERNMENT LINE. END SUMMARY:

2. OWING TO INTERNAL SITUATION HERE AND FACT THAT FONOFF IS CENTER OF INFLUENCE IN THIS MATTER, ACTING DCM AND LABATT PRESENTED ON MAY 13 U.S. VIEWS ON ILO DIRECTLY TO AMBASSADOR ALVARO ALVAREZ, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN POLICY, AND TO ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS. COPIES OF MEMORANDUM WERE PROVIDED. ON SAME DAY, DURING COURSE OF CALL ON FONMINISTER ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, CHARGE TOLD HIM OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT U.S. ATTACHES TO THE

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ILC AND GAVE HIM ORALLY BRIEF SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL (A). MINISTER SAID HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUES BUT WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH ALVAREZ.

3. ALSO ON MAY 13 AND 16 LABATT PRESENTED U.S. VIEWS DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT OF DELEGATION, GOU REP. PIRIZ-PACHECO, EMPLOYER DELEGATE AND GOVERNING BODY MEMBER VEGH-GARZON, AND TO WORKER

DELEGATES DEL GAUDIO AND BORRAZAS. COPIES OF TALKING POINTS WERE PROVIDED TO ALL. INDIVIDUAL DELEGATES CONTACTED EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT EMBASSY PROVIDED WRITTEN MATERIAL AND GENERAL SYMPATHY WITH OUR POSITIONS. ALL RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF THIS ILC AND SAID THEY WOULD STUDY ISSUES CAREFULLY, BUT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THEY WOULD (OR COULD) NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. SINCE MOST OF DELEGATES DEPARTED FOR GENEVA MAY 18, THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR FOLLOW-UP. MISSION, THEREFORE, SUGGESTS THAT APPROPRIATE CONTACTS BY U.S. DELEGATION BE MADE IN GENEVA.

4. EMBOFF FINALLY (ON MAY 23) WAS ABLE TO QUESTION ALVAREZ RE ISSUES. ALVAREZ STATED THAT GOU AGREED WITH U.S. ON ALL POINTS AND THAT MEMO PRESENTED BY EMBASSY WAS CARRIED BY DELEGATION CHIEF PIRIZ TO GENEVA WHERE IT WOULD FORM PART OF HER GUIDANCE.

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